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EXAMINING GROUP 1641

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In re Application of:)
Berend HOUWEN, et al.) Examiner: Gailene R. Gabel
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This response is presented at the request of Supervisory Examiner Long Le as expressed in a telephone interview between undersigned counsel, Examiner Gabel, and Supervisory Examiner Le on October 23, 2002. During the interview, Examiner Le requested applicants submit arguments in writing supporting Applicants' oral contentions that the disclosure in U.S. Patent No. 5,648,225 issued to Kim et al ("Kim") does not anticipate